



# Pastoral Cluster

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## Reflection by Richard Leonard SJ

For many people 'going home', means a return to comfort and security.

In the best homes children are unafraid, they know that their home is a buffer against some harsh realities beyond the door. As adults we carry that desire for security into all the various homes in which we live.

When we reflect on our childhood homes many of us can say of it what Jesus says of himself. It was the first place almost all of us learnt about 'The Way'. The earliest Christians were called people of The Way. It's a rich image denoting that Christianity is not an idea, it's a way of living, a path to follow.

For better or worse one of the distinctive features of most of our homes is that it's also where we are told 'The Truth'. Sometimes that deflates our egos or means we hear things we would rather not listen to. But hopefully the comfort and love which accompanies this truth telling comes from the ease and care in the relationships at home. Our family doesn't pull any punches with the truth

because they know us too well and love us too much.

Most adults also remember their childhood houses as lively. 'The Life' in our homes was about the buzz of children going to and from school, various friends calling in, the reign of organised chaos where space was claimed and a position defended. Minor dramas were never far away and life was lived to the full.

It's not by accident that the image of Jesus preparing us a house and being the Way, the Truth and the Life are put together in today's Gospel. In another part of John's gospel Jesus goes further in describing himself as our master builder, as our home and even our lodger. We are told to make a home in him as he makes a home in us. What a terrific image of the intimacy Christ wants to share with us, and we with him!

The best homes, however, do not just protect and keep their occupants safe for eternity. A home is a means to an end, which is to give us

the stability and sanity we need to keep going out to the world beyond it. In the same way, our home of faith with Jesus enables us to keep going out to a sometimes hostile world and share with others the Way, the Truth and the Life that sustains us. In a world where 70% of all people have substandard housing and millions of displaced people have to create homes wherever they are, we have our work cut out for us.

The Way we follow is about justice, development and peace for all people everywhere and not just the select few who can build the biggest mansions on earth. We are invited to keep speaking the Truth even if that makes us unpopular or different or at odds with the majority. And we have to keep living the Life which sees that our greatest joy comes from human dignity being celebrated everywhere.

If all Christians lived out this Way, Truth and Life we would, by His grace, fulfil Jesus' extraordinary prophecy that we could do greater works than He did. Now that's a challenge to take with us into the coming week!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

(Year A - May 18, 2014.)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us  
as we place our trust in you.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

2nd Reading: 1Pet 3:15-18

Gospel: Jn 17:1-11



### PARISH PRAYER:

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be a good example to the children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.

Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, help us to respond to and live out our mission in the Church, and in the world.

Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to live it well.

For your greater glory and for the service of your people, call many to be priests and religious.

Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Pastoral Cluster at Prayer

## WEEKEND MASSES:

### Holy Family, Bell Park:

English... 8am and 9.30am Sunday  
Croatian... 11am Sunday

### Holy Spirit, Manifold Hts:

6.00pm Saturday  
11am 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

### Ss Peter & Paul's, Geelong West:

5.00pm Saturday  
11am 2nd & 4th Sundays  
9.30am - Italian Mass at St Patrick's

## WEEKDAY MASSES:

### Holy Family:

9.15am Tues, 9.15am Thurs

### Holy Spirit:

9.00am Wed, 11am Fri and 9am Sat. **Reconciliation after Saturday Mass**

### Grace McKellar Centre:

10.15am - 1st, 3rd, 5th Tues;

### Maryville Nursing Home:

11am Tues;

### Multicultural Centre:

1.30pm - 1st Fri

### Vincentian Village:

3.00pm -Mon

## BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays 12noon at Holy Spirit, 2nd & 4th Sundays 12noon at Ss P&P,  
3rd Sunday 2pm at Holy Family

## COMMUNAL PRAYER:

**Mon...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Tues...** Meditation Group

5.30pm

Holy Family Community Centre

**Wed...** Prayer of the Church

Before 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Wed...** Holy Family Women's Prayer Group

10.00am

Holy Family Community Centre

**Thurs...** Italian Prayer Group

10.00am

St Patrick's Chapel

**Fri...** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

After 11am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

**Fri...** Divine Mercy

3.00pm

Holy Spirit Church

**Sat...** Rosary

After 9am Mass

Holy Spirit Church

## OUR LADY'S STATUE:

If anyone would like to have Our Lady's Statue or if you could spare an hour a month to help, ph Tina Montalto on 5278 9314.

## AS A COMMUNITY WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENT DEATHS:** Adriana Sanzo (Argentina), Robert Scerri, Fr Rom Murphy, Sr Dorothy Affleck (Holy Angel Sister), Damacena Licayaan, Elizabeth Gorman, Petro Pino, Francesco Bucolo

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marcello, Giovanni & Antonia Carpenetti, Bruno & Aldo Polla, Carmella Bisinella, Dimmy DaCosta, Giustino Cavallo, Elisabetta Pitaro, Dennis Beachell, Marianna Macarol, John McDonald

**1 MONTH SINCE DEATH:** Rocco Menchise

**1 YR ANNIVERSARY:** Antonio Colace

**BAPTISMS:** Riley Belshaw, Benji & Adelle Mabbett, Joseph Walsh, Allegra LoPresti, Olivia McCormack, Lenny Spence and Annabelle Zawislak

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** June Bongiorno, Anna Alvaro, Francisca, Jesus & Kristopher Esperanza, Kath Leary, Terry Hart, Rita Duggan McDonald, Celia Erfort, Theo DaCosta, Tanya Cervek, Kulandai Raj, Monica Duggan, Graeme Allsop, Kathleen Nehill, Julita Aquino, Manuel Almeida, Anita Capicchiano

## Roster for Next Sunday, May 25, 2014

(4th Sunday of the Month)

### HOLY FAMILY

Commentators

### 8.00AM

F O'Neill

Lectors

L Kelly

Special Ministers

L Sells, E Kelly, B McFarlane

Welcomers

L&E Kelly

Projectionist

R Allum

### 9.30AM

M Lukesic

M Baird, P Gizycki

D Lunn, P McBride, J McMahon, C Simpson, V Resciniti

A Sare, A/I Dugandzic

C Resciniti

### HOLY SPIRIT:

Commentators

### 6.00PM

M Lacy

Lectors

G Harrison, M Carson

Special Ministers

C McShanag, R Stanley, D Yeatman

Welcomers

M Brown

Projectionist

T McShanag

### Ss PETER & PAUL'S:

Commentators

### 5.00PM

A Henderson

Lectors

G Tolan

Special Ministers

A Henderson, G Tolan,

Welcomers

J Cowell

Projectionist

### 11.00AM

M Foley

J Fraatz, L Eastman

M Broekman, D Dougherty, J Gailius

M Broekman, D Dougherty, D Lipinski

R Zarb

## RECURRING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLUSTER:

- **Pastoral Cluster Luncheon -** First Sunday of each month at the Holy Spirit Hall from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
  - **Holy Family Luncheon -** Third Sunday of each month at the Community Centre from 12noon. BYO food and drink to share.
  - **Holy Family Women's Group -** First Monday evening of each month at the Community Centre 7.00pm
  - **St Vincent de Paul -** Holy Family meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at the Community Centre, 7.30pm  
Holy Spirit meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7.00pm in Holy Spirit Hall
  - **Baptism Preps -** 2nd and 4th Mondays 7.30pm in the Community Centre
  - **Children's Liturgy -** Holy Family - 1st and 3rd Sunday at 9.30am Mass (during school term)  
Holy Spirit - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11am Mass (during school term)  
Ss Peter & Paul's- 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11.00am Mass (during school term)
  - **Holy Family Choir Practice -** Every Wednesday night at Holy Family Church, 7pm
  - **Manifold CWL -** Holy Spirit Hall, First Wednesday in the month
  - **Italian Mass -** First Thursday of the month in St Patrick's Chapel
  - **Catholic Diners' Club -** Second Tuesday of each month, 6pm at Dromoland. Dinner & Guest speaker. Ph Terry on 5221 7339
- If you wish to know more about these groups, as well as about our Sacramental Program for children in non-Catholic schools, our Baptism and Wedding procedures, our Partnership with the Columbans in the Philippines and so on, please visit our webpage:*
- [www.pastoralclustergeelong.org](http://www.pastoralclustergeelong.org)**

## Cluster News:

**WELCOME!** We extend a warm Australian welcome to the International Guest Speaker from Ireland, Dr Aoife McGrath. Our guest is an adjunct professor in Pastoral Theology at the Pontifical University, Maynooth and has experienced a variety of parish ministries as a lay pastoral worker in Ireland. She describes her role as *"contributing to the life and work of the parish which involves initiating, training, supporting and resourcing various teams in Liturgical, Pastoral and Formation ministries"*.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES:** Thankyou all for your continuing regular support. There is a set of **envelopes** for all **WEEKLY & MONTHLY** contributors in the foyer today. They are in **STREET** order. Please take a pink sheet if you would like to contribute regularly, using envelopes, credit card or bank transfer. Contact Helen with any queries: [Helen.brislane@cam.org.au](mailto:Helen.brislane@cam.org.au) or leave a message at the Parish Office.

**PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAM:** This program is for children from Catholic families who attend a non-Catholic primary school. The children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The program begins on **Sunday 1st June** and finishes on **Tuesday 15th July**. The First Eucharist celebrations will be on the last two weekends of July. **ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON WED 28TH MAY**. For further details contact the Pastoral Cluster Office on 5278 1343 or email [cluster@cam.org.au](mailto:cluster@cam.org.au)

**BLUME'S FASHION SHOW** will be held 2pm at Holy Spirit Hall on Wednesday May 23. \$5 entrance incl a/noon tea and chance to win Blume's voucher. Garments available to purchase on day - cash/cheque and we have a warm changing room. Transport or information ph Tricia Joyce 5221 1986 or Jeanette Sheahan 5278 2063.

**MANIFOLD ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE:** On the weekend of 14/15 June they will have their annual Winter Appeal.

**WINNERS OF HOLY FAMILY WOMENS GROUP RAFFLE:** D Carr, N Ingles, V Klova, K Gizycki, P Mee, A O'Brien and L Duggan

**INVITATION:** The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join them for Rosary at Ss Peter & Paul's on Saturday May 24th at 4.30pm (prior to 5pm Mass) to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- May 18...** **JAZZ SPECTACULAR with Des Cam:** 2.30-4pm in the Long Room at Rice Village, A'noon tea and beverages include wine, coffee & tea. RSVP by phoning 5241 3686.
- May 23...** **MAGNIFICAT - A night of Praise and Worship with Steve Angrisano** at Sacred Heart Church, cnr Rathdowne & Pelham Sts Carlton 7.30-9.30pm. \$5 entry - information ph 9287 5565, bookings via [trybooking.com/83308](http://trybooking.com/83308)
- “ **ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE:** A reminder that Year 7 enrolments close **Fri May 23**. Contact Julie Cole the Registrar on 5226 8177 or 5226 8100.
- May 23/24/25...** **WALK FOR THE RIGHT TO BE BORN 2014:** Join our 3 day fundraising trek through beautiful country Victoria on the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail and Indigo Gold Trail. Your sponsorships will help Right to Life Australia continue its work for the unborn in Australia's Parliaments and help young mothers through our Pregnancy Counselling 24hr Helpline. More information and registration ph 9385 0100 or [righttolife.com.au](http://righttolife.com.au).
- June 6-8...** **DISCERNMENT WEEKEND FOR SINGLE MEN:** 6pm at The Cliffs Retreat House, Shoreham. More information visit [whatsalifeor.com](http://whatsalifeor.com) or ph Fr Peter Hendriks on 0408 299 170 - [discern@whatsalifeor.com](mailto:discern@whatsalifeor.com)
- June 12...** **FREE TALKS FOR 2014: Wellbeing at Work** will be presented by Chris Mackey & Associates in the Geelong West Town Hall Supper Room. Details [admin@chrismackey.com.au](mailto:admin@chrismackey.com.au)
- June 20...** **CHARITY LUNCH TO SUPPORT SAMARITAN HOUSE:** Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and Geelong Mayor Darryl Lyons will be interviewed on **A Mayoral Perspective on Homelessness** by MC Ian Cover at the Charity Lunch in the Fred Flanagan Room at the Geelong Football Club commencing 11.45am for 12.15pm. Tickets \$80/person with drinks at bar prices. Tables of 8-10 - book online at [trybooking.com/82189](http://trybooking.com/82189), or Wing and a Prayer 75 Malop St. Cheques to **Samaritan House** and can be posted to PO Box 5047 Geelong 3219. All proceeds to support Geelong's Crisis Accommodation Centre for homeless men.

## PASTORAL CLUSTER SURVEY NO.2

The responses to Question 1 and 3 of this survey are outlined below. I have listed all the responses and have endeavoured to categorise them in a form that is accessible and, hopefully, helpful. My intention is to do justice to your considerations. The 2nd question ***Initiatives I would like to see introduced*** have been collated and will be an important document for future consideration and action.

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The first written response was to the statement - ***In my view the three most important things for my Parish/Cluster are/ought to be:***

### **The Mass (124)**

#### **Community experience of friendship, sense of belonging, welcome, acceptance of diversity of people (110)**

The provision of Mass, including parishioners involvement in the celebration of Mass, linking homilies to faith and life, Mass at convenient times, special Masses for the ill and frail, good worship music, choirs etc

#### **Helping those in need (88)**

Pastoral outreach to the poor, refugees, the bereaved, domestic abuse, marital needs, helping the elderly attend Mass, general community outreach, Fr Mick's Mates, the international outreach, pastoral care to parishioners in times of special need, eg bereavement, support for families and the aged, the welcoming of new parishioners, outreach to those who have drifted away

#### **A place/community of prayer, reflection, spiritual formation, devotional prayer (65)**

#### **A youth support (58)**

To foster youth support to be better engaged in the Mass and the parish in general, the provision of youth functions and groups

#### **Social Involvement and Engagement in the Wider Community (51)**

The importance of volunteers, of working together, the provision of social activities and gatherings such as BBQ's, parish balls, dinner dances, cuppas after Mass

#### **The Sacraments (50)**

The provision of all the Sacraments and for them to be well celebrated

#### **Good Stewardship and Leadership (43)**

Includes the maintenance of Church buildings, transparent decision-making processes, effective communication, value centred leadership based on compassion, faith, love; less clerical structures, promotion of pursuing of time, talent and treasure, the importance of parish offering and thanksgiving

#### **The service of Priests (42)**

The importance of the Priests' presence, availability, accessibility and interaction of the Priests in parish, pastoral needs and community activities

#### **Formation of Laity in Ministry and Faith Education (38)**

This area covered a broad gamut of issues on Church life, Catholic school education, the importance of reverence in God's House, devotional prayer and doctrinal matters

#### **Support for younger families (28)**

Fostering the faith, Children's Liturgy, provision of good religious education, teaching respect and reverence at Mass, increased involvement of children in the Mass

#### **A strong connection between school and parish (27)**

#### **God's Word (13)**

The importance of preaching the Gospel for formation in a way that is relevant to today's circumstances

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The third written response was to the statement - ***If there was only one Priest in the Pastoral Cluster, how can we best provide for the spiritual and pastoral needs of the people?***

#### **The Involvement and more participation of the Laity in the life of the Church (146)**

Includes the role of special ministers in leadership of prayer, including baptisms and funerals; appointment of Pastoral Associates; lay people to take on more of the non-Sacramental roles; community to take on the greater responsibility of caring for each other; better utilise lay people's gifts and talents; greater involvement of women, church elders; importance of proper and effective formation of lay people; ensure properly qualified lay people are given responsibilities in the parish

#### **The combining/reducing or changing the number of Masses provided in the Parish (65)**

Under this heading there were a variety of suggestions to restructure the weekend Mass timetable; including the provision of a weekly Mass that would be a substitute for a Sunday Mass

#### **The provision of Communion Services (25)**

#### **Ordained married men (22)**

#### **Petition to allow women to be Priests (17)**

#### **Unsure how the Cluster could be serviced by one Priest alone (16)**

#### **Rationalisation of Properties/Churches in the Cluster (11)**

#### **Pray for the Priests (11)**

#### **Engagement of Diaconate (both male/female) (8)**

#### **Engagement of Priests born overseas (7)**

#### **Use of modern technology (5)**

The use of skype, Mass online, DVDs, Facebook etc.

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#### **Other comments included:**

Hand responsibility of schools over to the CEO, increase the role of Nuns, be transparent in what is needed, review the role of Priesthood and Church structures, rationalisation of times of Pastoral activities such as Baptisms to once a month.